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Colonel Edwin P. Black/  
The National War College  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Black:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of  
1 February regarding my confirmation as Director  
of Central Intelligence.

Despite the strong stand of the small minority  
opposing my appointment, I naturally gained great  
satisfaction and was deeply grateful for the many  
people who fought for me and who have expressed  
their confidence in my ability to do the job.

It was kind of you to write me and I do  
appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,

John A. McCone

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THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE  
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Dear Mr. McCone — . . .

Having had the privilege of meeting you a number of times while serving as Military Assistant to Secretary Gates, Douglas and Gilpatric, I am taking the liberty of joining with a number of your other admirers to add my congratulations on your decisive victory over the "worms in the woodwork" of the Executive Branch who tried to prevent your confirmation.

I am heartened to know that you have agreed to serve in a position which is crucial in our national security structure, and which, God knows, needs strong and truly patriotic leadership.

Sincerely,

Edmund P. Park,  
Col., Infantry.